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1. SUMMARY. THE KAIFENG NORMAL INSTITUTE HAS INSTITUTED EXAMINATIONS, AND HAS EXTENDED ITS COURSE FROM THREE TO FOUR YEARS. NEW EMPHASIS IS BEING GIVEN TO THE SUBSTANCE OF ITS COURSES, WHICH ARE INTENDED TO TEACH FUTURE TEACHERS IN HONAN'S MIDDLE SCHOOLS. END SUMMARY.

2. USLO OFFICER VISITED KAIFENG NORMAL INSTITUTE APRIL 2 AND WAS BRIEFED ON APPLICATION OF NEW POLICIES IN EDUCATION TO UNIVERSITY LEVEL STUDENTS. INSTITUTE BECAME A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE IN EARLY 1978 TRAINING HONAN MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATES TO TEACH IN HONAN MIDDLE SCHOOLS. THE CURRICULUM WAS EXTENDED FROM THREE TO FOUR YEARS BY ADDING A SENIOR CLASS WHICH WILL INCLUDE ELECTIVES, ADDITIONAL PRACTICE TEACHING AND ADDITIONAL SCIENCE FOR ARTS STUDENTS AND HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY FOR

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SCIENCE STUDENTS. THE SCHOOL IS DIVIDED INTO TEN DEPARTMENTS: CHINESE, POLITICAL EDUCATION, HISTORY, FOREIGN LANGUAGES, FINE ARTS, MATHEMATICS, PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, GEOGRAPHY AND SPORTS. THE SCHOOL HAS ABOUT 3,000 STUDENTS AND A STAFF OF OVER 1,300. WITH THE ADDITION OF A FOURTH CLASS, THERE IS INSUFFICIENT DORMITORY SPACE, AND THE

INSTITUTE NOW HAS DAY STUDENTS FROM KAIFENG. THE LIBRARY HAS 1.1 MILLION VOLUMES, DIVIDED INTO BASIC AND ADVANCED SECTIONS. THE SCHOOL ALSO HAS A PRINT SHOP AND THE USUAL SCHOOL FARM AND SMALL FACTORIES.

3. ALTHOUGH PRACTICE TEACHING BEGINS IN THE NORMAL INSTITUTE'S OWN ATTACHED MIDDLE SCHOOL, FUTURE TEACHERS ALSO PRACTICE IN OTHER MIDDLE SCHOOLS UNDER DIRECTION OF "VETERAN TEACHERS."

4. A NEW EXAMINATION SYSTEM HAS BEEN INSTITUTED TO REPLACE THE OLD, WHICH CONSISTED ONLY OF A POLITICAL EXAMINATION. NOW ALL STUDENTS ARE EXAMINED IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS, CHINESE AND MATHEMATICS. IN ADDITION, SCIENCE STUDENTS TAKE EXAMINATIONS IN CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS AND ARTS STUDENTS TAKE GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY. SPECIALIZED STUDENTS, SUCH AS MUSIC OR FOREIGN LANGUAGES, TAKE EXAMINATIONS IN THEIR SPECIALITIES AS WELL. ALL THOSE EXAMINED ARE THE EQUIVALENT OF SENIOR MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATES, BUT A FEW SPECIALLY QUALIFIED JUNIOR MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATES WERE ADMITTED AFTER THE RECENT EXAMINATION. BEGINNING IN 1978, COURSES WILL BE TAUGHT IN EDUCATION METHODS AND MATERIALS.

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5. NO TEXTBOOKS HAVE YET BEEN APPROVED FOR THE SCHOOL'S CLASSES, AND EACH CLASS MAKES UP ITS OWN TEXT MATERIALS. SCIENCE TEXTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE APPROVED NATION-WIDE BY THE END OF 1978, BUT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE TEXTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE LONGER.

6. NO STUDENTS WERE SEEN AT THE UNIVERSITY SINCE ALL WERS SAID TO BE IN A MASS MEETING AT THE TIME OF OUR VISIT. THE "RESPONSIBLE PERSON" WAS SPECIALIZED IN THE POLITICAL DIRECTION OF THE SCHOOL AND WAS HEARD TO SAY ON VISITING THE LIBRARY'S 19TH CENTURY COLLECTION OF CHINESE HISTORY, "I'VE NEVER SEEN THESE BEFORE." SHE WAS PROMPTED ON SEVERAL POINTS ON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BY THOSE MORE DIRECTLY CONCERNED.  
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